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Thomas-Elliott House
Oxford
Private

c. 1885

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Thomas-Elliott House

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: T-869

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture

2. Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore

3. Chronological/Development Period(s): Industrial-Urban Dominance 1870-1930

4. Resource Type(s): Single-family dwelling

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Thomas-Elliott House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 224 South Morris Street _____ not for publication

city, town Oxford _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district First

state Maryland _____ county Talbot

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Anne Truax Darlington Andrews

street & number 224 South Morris Street telephone no.:

city, town Oxford state and zip code MD 21654

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Clerk of Court Map 400, P. 716
liber 493

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio 165

city, town Easton state MD 21601

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date _____ federal _____ state _____ county _____ local

pository for survey records

city, town _____ state _____

7. Description

Survey No. T-869

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Thomas-Elliott house is located at 224 South Morris Street in the southern residential district of Oxford, Talbot County, Maryland. The two-story, two-bay frame house faces east with the gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Dating between 1885 and 1890, the two-story, side hall/double-pile frame house is supported on a low brick foundation, and the exterior is clad with vinyl siding. A medium pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

The two-bay front elevation is a slightly asymmetrical facade with a side entrance and adjacent two-over-two sash window. The heavily molded four-panel front door has two arched upper panels typical of door mid to late nineteenth-century door design. A two-pane transom is located over the entrance. Louvered vinyl shutters flank the adjacent window. Sheltering the first floor is a hip roofed porch supported on chamfered posts and embellished with decorative fan-shaped brackets. The second floor is lighted by a paired of unevenly spaced two-over-two sash windows that also have louvered vinyl shutters. Each of the window lintels has a slight arch. Trimming the corners of the house are plain corner boards, which rise to a board frieze fixed under a boxed cornice. The gable-front of the house is trimmed with an extended eave that has returns at the base of the roof. Piercing the gable end is two-over-two attic window distinguished by a rounded head.

The north side is marked by an asymmetrical elevation of two-over-two sash windows openings, while the south side is pierced by two evenly spaced two-over-two sash on each floor.

The rear wall of the main block is covered largely by a two-story service wing. The interior was not seen.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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¹ Talbot County Land Record, JFT 96/313, 18 May 1883.

² Talbot County Land Record, 158/64, 8 October 1910.

³ Tenth Census of the United States, 1880, Population Schedule for Talbot County as transcribed and published by Helen E. Seymour, p. 119.

⁴ Sanborn Insurance Map, 1891, Maryland State Archives.

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THOMAS-ELLIOTT HOUSE
224 South Morris Street
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Chain of title

493/165 Wesley G. Richardson
Patricia A. Richardson

to

6/9/1975 Anne Truax Darlington Andrews

478/48 Martha Myers Yeager

to

9/24/1973 Wesley G. Richardson
Patricia A. Richardson

432/594 Carlton M. Slagle

to

12/23/1968 Martha Myers Yeager

Robert C. Thompson and Sadie Crone, Executors
of the estate of Margaret Ellen Longfield
Oxenham

to

Carlton M. Slagle

371/89 Wesley G. Richardson
Patricia A. Richardson

to

5/12/1961 Douglas M. Oxenham
Margaret L. Oxenham

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THOMAS-ELLIOTT HOUSE
224 South Morris Street
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Chain of title continued

JTB 345/179

J. William Eckenrode, single

to

2/13/1958

Wesley G. Richardson
Patricia A. Richardson

298/1

Augusta Elliot, widow

to

7/17/1952

J. William Eckenrode
Confirmatory deed from Raymond H. Elliot,
Executor of U/W Isaac E. Elliot 301/131

JLS 26/163

Last will and testament of Isaac E. Elliott

to

9/15/1936

Augusta Elliott

265/586

Raymond Elliott, et al.

to

2/15/1946

Augusta Elliott

FGW 170/222

Lelia Elliott of the City of Philadelphia

to

4/17/1915

Isaac E. Elliott
\$500.00

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Chain of title continued

169/269

Isacc E. Elliott and wife

to

12/1/1914

Lelia Elliott

158/64

Sarah E. Thomas
Benjamin P. Thomas

to

10/8/1910

Isaac E. Elliott of Oxford

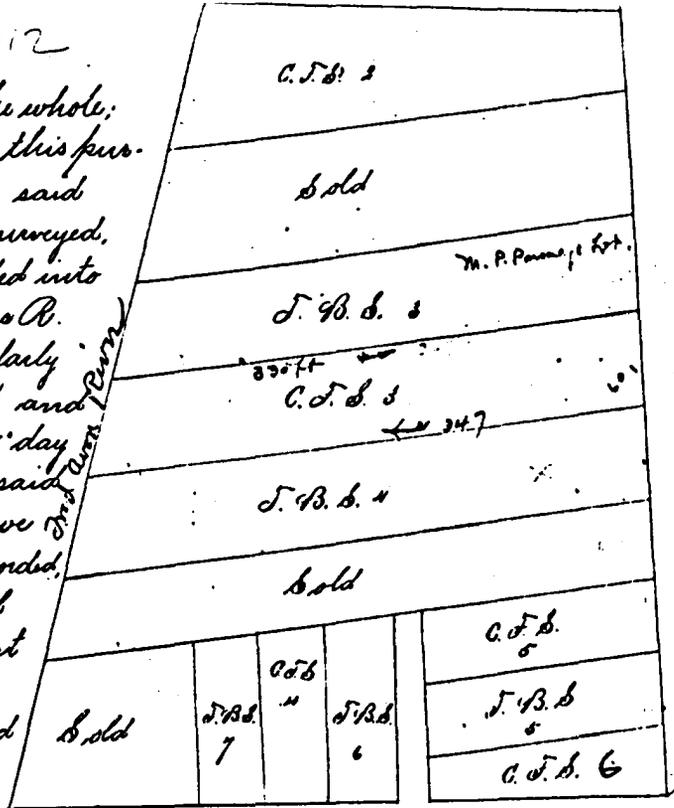
\$650.00 southerly half of a piece of land
leased by Daniel Wilson of Charles P. Stewart
and Annie R. Stewart Lot No. 5 C.F.S on a
plat enrolled in Liber JFT 96/313

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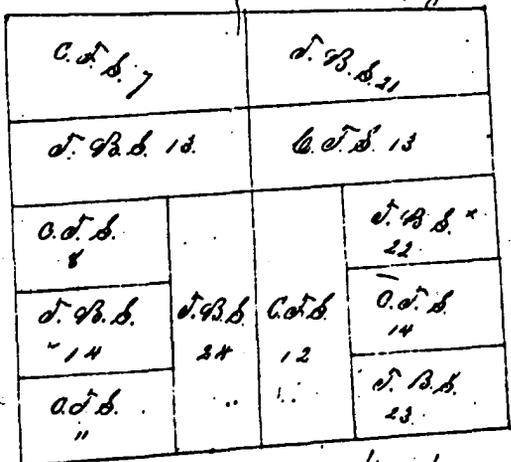
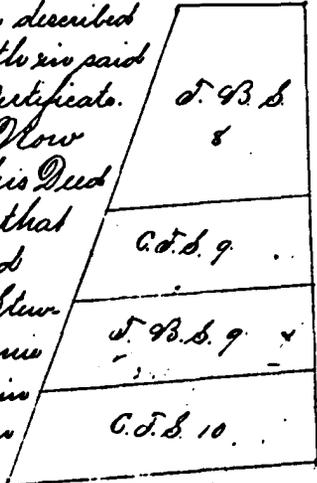
1883 70/312

his respective parts of the whole;
 And whereas, to effect this purpose, they have had the said Real Estate accurately surveyed, as it is now sub-divided into sundry lots, by Charles R. Mullikin and particularly described in a plat and certificate dated the 15th day of May 1883. which said plat and certificate we have caused to be recorded, and have by mutual agreement and consent apportioned among ourselves the the said lots, according to their contents, miles and bounds, courses and distances as described and set forth in said plat and certificate.

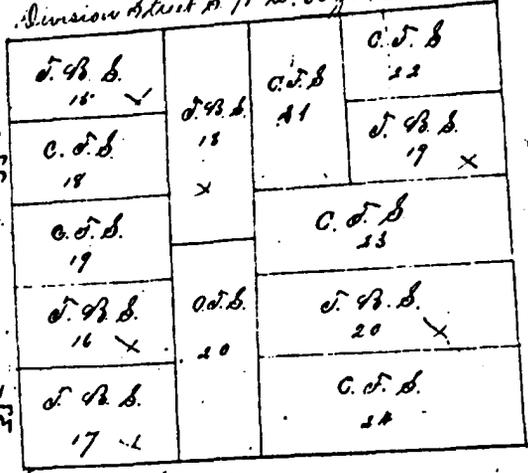
Now therefore this Deed Witnesseth, that we the said Charles T. Stewart and Annie R. Stewart, in Consideration of the above recited premises, is, and of the grant hereinafter made to each of Thomas Roblin at his house by



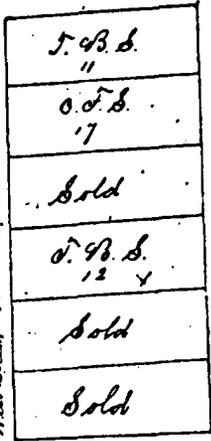
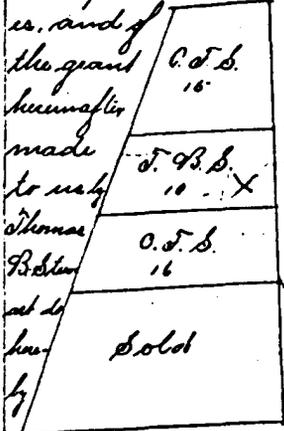
Benoma Street South 74 1/2 W. 50 ft wide



Division Street S 71 W. 35 ft wide



Caroline street S 72 1/2 W. 28 ft wide



Examined and returned to Charles T. Stewart June 29 1883

Street 15 1/2 W. 50 ft wide

Monroe Street 15 W.

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MORRIS

SOUTH

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 Sanborn Insurance Map
 1901

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SULLIVAN ALLEY

BENONIS

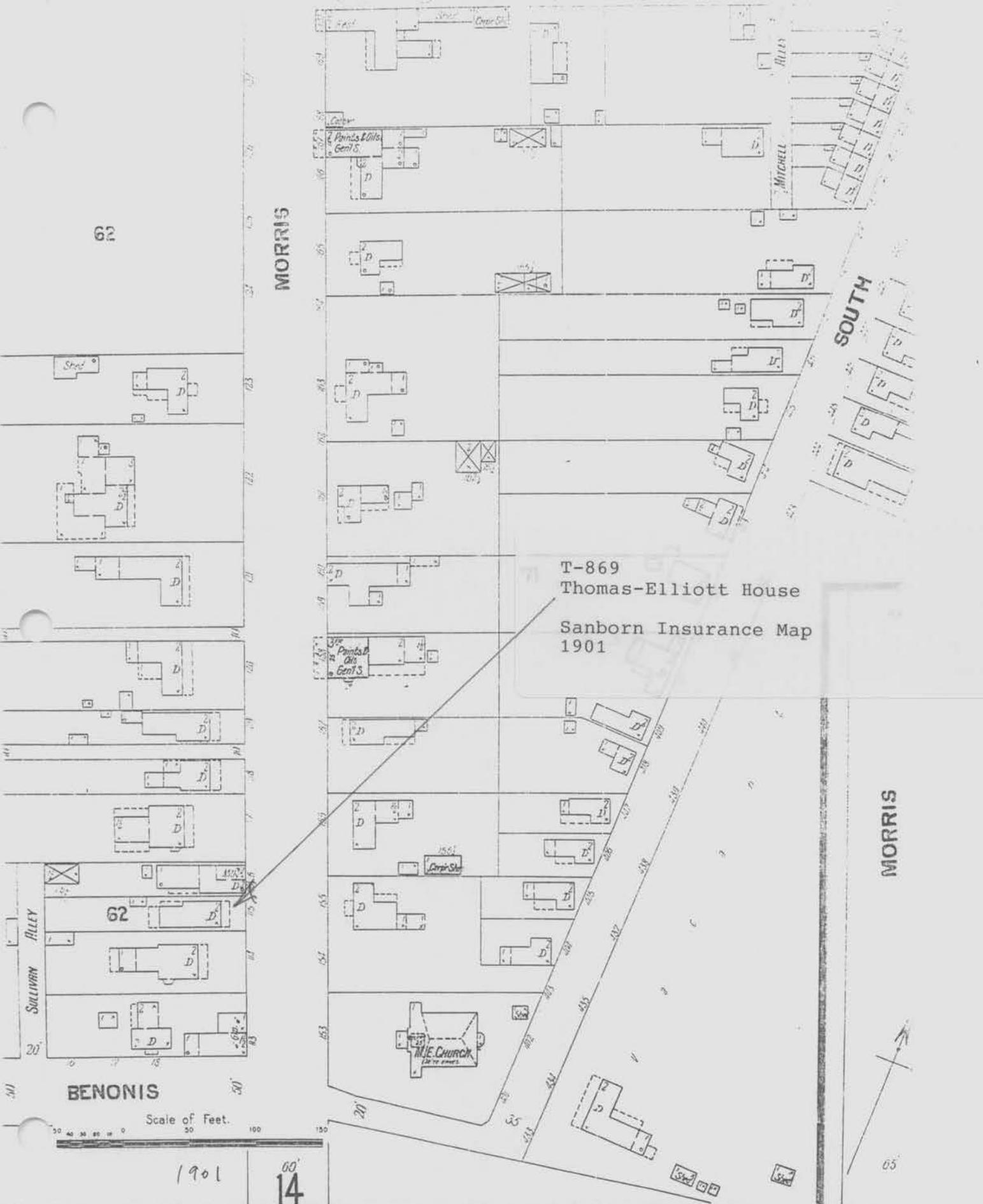
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1901

60'
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WILSON

No. 10.

APR 1891
EASTON
MD

(OXFORD)

THE TALBOT MFG CO
GEN'L FIC. AND
GENERAL WOOD
WORKING

SEE BELOW

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FACTORY

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BENONIS

M. E. CHURCH

SOUTH

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MARKET

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MORRIS

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Park Alley

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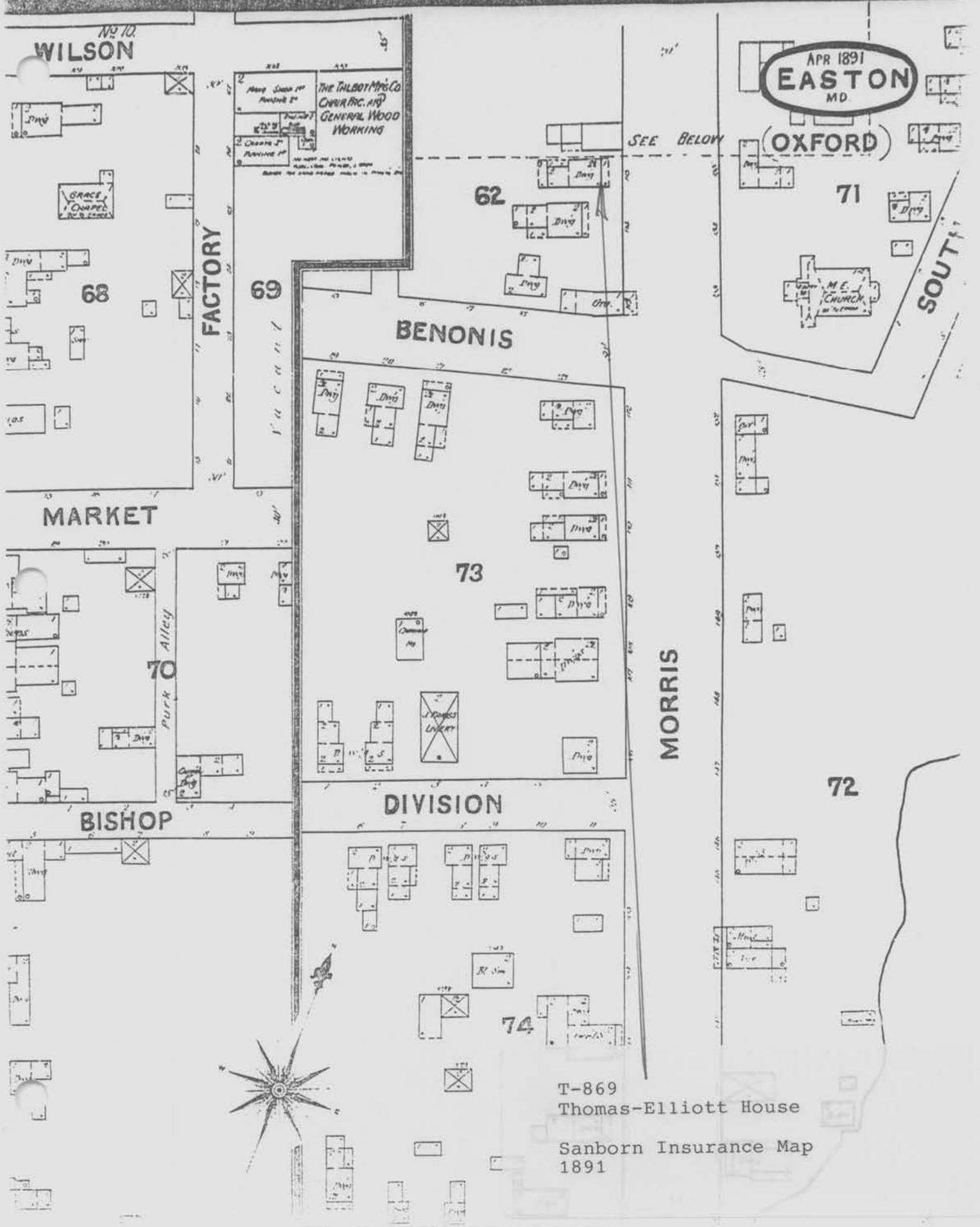
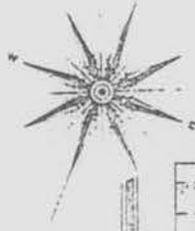
DIVISION

BISHOP

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Sanborn Insurance Map
1891



8.1 SIGNIFICANCE

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⁵ Talbot County Land Record, 158/64, 8 October 1910.

⁶ Talbot County Land Record, 298/1, 17 July 1952.



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Thomas-Elliott House
Oxford, Maryland Quadrangle
1942



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THOMAS-ELWORTH HOUSE

OSWEGO TOWNSHIP CO. MAD.

EAST ELEVATION

6/90, PAUL TOWNSEND, PHOTOGRAPHER

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